

## REMARKS

### Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant thanks the Office for its acknowledgement of Allowed Subject matter contained in claims 15 and 40. The applicant herein amends independent claims 1 and 25 to include the elements of allowed claims 15 and 40, respectively. While the applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office's rejections, the applicant makes the above amendment in the interest of furthering prosecution and this is not an admission that these represent the sole grounds for grant of a patent. The applicant respectfully submits that this cures the Office's rejections and places the application in condition for allowance, and requests a timely notice of allowance be granted.

Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Applicant requests speedy reconsideration, and further requests that Examiner contact its attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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